

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

Relative to Docket No. 02-277 which deals with the Biennial Review of the
FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

My concern is that I, a private citizen, am NOT getting objective news and
information from the mass media. I listen to BBC World News and go on the
Internet to get news from other countries. WHY? Because I do NOT trust
the US media. One recent example: At the end of August and during the
first week of September 2002 there was a HUGE meeting of over 40,000
people, with 100 heads of state on the last day, at the South African
held World Meeting on Sustainability. My opinion of US COVERAGE?
Absolutely minimal, perhaps because Bush said NO.

A second example: the Jim Lehrer News Hour, in my opinion, is even
tainted by controls and yet, it is the best US news source I know of. Just
where is there balance? NOT IN THE U. S. A.

I entreat the FCC to set rules and regulations that will give US citizens
fair, balanced, and objective reporting.

Sincerely,

Julian Powers